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German Patent DE 3924610A1 to Georges discloses a bone  
fracture distraction pin appts.

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TITLE: Bone fracture distraction pin appts. - has long forked and short hooked  
pin clamped together at free ends

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BASIC-ABSTRACT: The distraction-pin appts. is for use with bone fractures. It comprises a first pin (1,2) with forked end (3,4), and longer than a second one (9) with hook end (10).

A common clamp (21-26) locks the free ends of the pins in position in relation to each other. This can comprise tension - and compression-load stops for the short and long pins respectively.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Distraction pin appts. for reducing bone fractures is usable in marrow cavity.

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.1, 5/9

TITLE-TERMS:

BONE FRACTURE DISTRACTION PIN APPARATUS LONG FORK SHORT HOOK PIN CLAMP  
FREE END

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